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SUBJECT: IDF AGREEMENT - TEXTS EXPECTED TO BE MADE PUBLIC
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1. FONMIN AGUSTSSON AT ALTHING THIS AFTERNOON, IN ANSWER TO QUESTION FROM PEOPLES ALLIANCE MEMBER GILS GUDMUNDSSON, ANNOUNCED THAT "IN ABOUT A FEW DAYS" HE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL THE ALTHING MEMBERS THE TEXTS OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT HE AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SIGNED IN REYKJAVIK OCTOBER 22ND.

2. COMMENT: FONMIN HAS BEEN ATTACKED ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY BY ALL SHADES OF POLITICAL OPINION, INCLUDING WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY, FOR HAVING PREVIOUSLY STATED THE ACTUAL TEXTS OF THE AGREEMENT WERE PRIVILEGED DOCUMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND HENCE WOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. THIS MORNING FONMIN ASKED ME WHETHER USG WAS STILL OF OPINION THAT TEXTS COULD BE MADE PUBLIC AND TOLD ME HE WOULD MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT PARA ONE ABOVE, IF WE APPROVE. I TOLD HIM WE STILL FELT THERE WAS NO REASON TO CLASSIFY THE DOCUMENTS BUT WE WOULD GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER HE WANTED TO DO ON THIS
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SCORE. HE IS HAVING THE DOCUMENTS TRANSLATED INTO ICE-

LANDIC. WE AGREED THAT BEFORE THE ICELANDIC VERSION IS RELEASED TO THE ALTHING HANS ANDERSEN, CURRENTLY ABSENT FROM THE COUNTRY BUT DUE TO RETURN THIS WEEK, WILL LOOK THEM OVER FOR ACCURACY OF TRANSLATION. TRANSMISSION OF THE TEXTS TO ALTHING WILL TOUCH OFF EMOTIONALLY EXPLOSIVE DEBATE. I AGREED TO "BE AVAILABLE BY PHONE" DURING THE DEBATE TO HELP FONMIN ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT ARISE. IRVING

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